1	2	3	4	5
13.	IO Global Services Pvt. Ltd.	Private	Internet service provider	25
14.	Tata International Ltd.	Private	Gen-set and buses	03
15.	Ashok Leyland	Private	Trucks and buses	02
16.	Shapoorji Pallonji Construction Company	Private	Civil construction	90
17.	Angelique International	Private	Civil construction	03
18.	Golden Relief Resources	Private	Construction company	02
19.	Indo-Afgan Consultancy	Private	Man power agency	02
	TOTAL:			798

The Embassy of India in Kabul has already issued a security advisory containing appropriate guidelines to the organizations/projects in which Indians are working. In cases of specific perception of threat, the local Government is approached to provide security.

(e) Yes Sir.

(f) The terms and conditions for compensation for Indian nationals working in Afghanistan are decided by the employing company.

Kailash-Mansarovar Pilgrimage

†1710. SHRI SURENDRA LATH:
SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of pilgrims who visited Kailash-Mansarovar during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the total amount spent on this annually and facilities provided to the piligrims by Government;

(c) whether Government propose to provide subsidy to the pilgrims going on Kailash-Mansarovar pilgrimage on the line of Haj pilgrims;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) The number of pilgrims who visited Kailash-Mansarovar on the pilgrimage organised by the Government of India during the last three years are as follows:

2003	:	316 (Yatra duration was truncated due to SARS epidemic in China)
2004	:	537
2005	:	529

(b) Ministry of External Affairs has spent approximately Rs. 39,00,000/- (Rupees Thirty-nine lakhs) in organizing the Kailash Mansarovar Yatra in 2005.

The Kailash Mansarovar Yatra is presently organised by the Government under a bilateral arrangement with the Chinese Government through the Lipulekh Pass in Pithoragarh, Uttaranchal. Government pay Rs. 3,250/- (Rupees Three thousand two hundred and fifty) for each pilgrim to Kumaon Mandal Vikas Nigam (KMVN) for arrangements made by KMVN for the Yatra. In addition, during the course of the Yatra, facilities provided by the Government to the pilgrims include free medical assistance, security and escort cover by the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) till the Lipulekh Pass on the Indian side, Communication links with China, and provision of satellite phone to the Liaison Officer for each batch of pilgrims for use during emergency throughout the Yatra. A Liaison Officer is attached by the Government with each batch of pilgrims, who is responsible for their general werlfare.

(c) to (e) Kailash Mansarovar Yatra and Haj are essentially different so far as the number of pilgrims, mode of travel and the nature of terrain are involved. Therefore, there may not be a direct comparison between the two.

Services of lobbyist to push Indian case in USA

1711. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI:
SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has decided to hire the services of Venable LLP, the lobbyist firm, to push its cases in USA; and